IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Art Group Unit: 1772 In re of Applicant Tadahiro Ohmi et al. Examiner: Chevalier, Alicia Ann Serial No.: 09/889,269 Attorney Docket No.: FUK-84 Filing Date: July 13, 2001 Title: METAL MATERIAL HAVING Confirmation No.: 2418 FORMED THEREON CHROMIUM OXIDE PASSIVE FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PARTS CONTACTING WITH FLUID AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLYING FLUID AND

SUBMISSION TO ACCOMPANY FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

MS: ARK CF Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXHAUSTING GAS

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated 13 December 2005, having a due date of 13 March 2006, which has been extended by three (3) months by the contemporaneously filed Petition for Extension of Time, now having a due date of 13 June 2006, Applicant hereby submits the following in support of the RCE filed concurrently herewith::

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.